



Public Agency Emergency Declaration Assistance Hurricane Katrina

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Purpose	The Public Assistance Program enables local and state governments, special purpose districts, private non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes to recover from the immediate impacts of disasters and emergencies. The program provides state and federal funds to local governmental agencies for a portion of the costs associated with emergency work due to the disaster.
Background	As soon as possible after the emergency disaster declaration, the state conducts meetings for government agencies, special purpose districts, private non-profit organizations, and Indian Tribes that provided emergency support. At the meetings, information is presented about the reimbursement of local costs for emergency protective measures. Emergency disaster assistance applications must be submitted to the state within 30 days of the declaration of a Presidential Emergency. Public disaster assistance regulations are found in 44 CFR 206, and Public Law 93-288, as amended.
Project Worksheets	Following the Public Assistance information meetings, local governments prepare repair worksheets for the emergency actions. The worksheets describe, in detail, the scope of work and provide a cost estimate.
Projects	<p>Funding is provided through the Emergency Management Division with the federal government reimbursing 100 percent of the eligible costs for this specific event.</p> <p>Eligible Costs: Overtime for permanent employees, regular and overtime for special hires, and materials and equipment usage for the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Search and rescue;Emergency medical care;Emergency mass care and shelter;Security;Provision of food, water, ice and other essential needs at central distribution points for disaster victims;Planning for guest reception and processing;Reception processing of guests from hurricane impacted areas; andActivation of state or local emergency operations centers to coordinate and direct the response / recovery to an event.
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